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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON POST PIECE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. WASHINGTON POST MAY 18 RAN ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES BY CORRESPONDENT JOANNE OMANG ON HUMAN RIGHTS. USIA IS FILING TEXT VIA ARF.

2. MUCH OF FRONTPAGE STORY ("DESPITE CLAIMS, CHILE TORTURE SAID TO PERSIST") IS DEVOTED TO CASE OF GUILLERMO HERRERA. BY FATHER'S ACCOUNT LATTER DIED SHORTLY AFTER RELEASED FROM DINA QUESTIONING MAY 3. AUTOPSY APPARENTLY RULED DEATH A SUICIDE BUT FATHER CONTENDED SON WAS IN EXTREMIS UPON ARRIVAL HOME. ARTICLE'S REVIEW OF NEW INTERNAL SECURITY LAW CONCLUDES WITH COMMENT, "SUPPORTERS SAID IT IMPOSES CONTROL AND MAKES LITIGATION POSSIBLE ON THE PREVIOUS BLANK-CHECK STATE OF SIEGE PROCEDURES OF DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE. OPPONENTS SAY IT MAKES THINGS WORSE BY FORMALLY AUTHORIZING ARREST BY INTELLIGENCE SERVICES WITHOUT COURT OR PRESIDENTIAL ORDERS." ARTICLE CITES STATISTICS ON DETAINEES AND EXPELLEES RECENTLY ISSUED BY INTERIOR MINISTER, BUT NOTES THESE ARE CHALLENGED BY "OTHER SOURCES"

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